

C. Ed Beman

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Notable Deaths

C. ED BEMAN, was born on a farm west of Sigourney, Iowa, February 9, 1870, and died in Oskaloosa, Iowa, October 12, 1942. Mr. Beman located in Oskaloosa 28 years ago, and engaged in the banking business until his retirement. He took an active part in the life of the community, and besides being an influential Republican leader in the State, achieved prominence in the field of civic affairs. Was president of the Southern Iowa Fair five years, and director of the Iowa State Fair board for more than a decade. Politically, Mr. Beman carried influence in Iowa Republican counsels and won recognition in the national Republican organization on a number of occasions. He had been offered the position as state superintendent of banking but withdrew in favor of another.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER, who commenced a notable career as a scientist in Iowa, died at Tuskegee, Alabama, January 5, 1943. He was born of slave parents at Diamond Grove, Missouri, probably about 1864. When a child, he and his mother were stolen and taken to Arkansas. As a slave he took the name of his owners. Once he is said to have been traded for a horse. The slave boy rose far above these things and after some time as a student in Kansas he entered Simpson college, at Indianola, Iowa. Later he attended Iowa State college at Ames and became deeply interested in science, especially as related to agriculture. He won a degree and taught for a time. His great abilities came to the attention of Tuskegee Institute and he went there to carry on his experimental work in agricultural science. He is credited with literally dozens of most valuable discoveries as to additional uses of farm products, and during his lifetime he received recognition, from high sources, of his unusual talents.

WILLIAM L. FINNICUM, retired, died in Des Moines, Iowa, November 22, 1943, at the age of 81. His career illustrated well the success that attends devotion to one job. He came from Ohio with his parents when quite young, lived for a time at Carlisle, Iowa, then at Redfield, Iowa, taught school for a time and then began work in a humble position on the narrow gauge railroad that ran through his home town. He remained in railroad work with the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad until his retirement, about three years before his death, after 52 years of service, most of which was as conductor on the run from Des Moines to Spirit Lake.

ABRAHAM HOLLINGSWORTH, dean of Keokuk lawyers, student and scholar, died at his home October 23, 1942. He was born in Lee county, Iowa, October 12, 1865, son of Zebulon and Martha Ann Davey Hollingsworth, the father being the first homeopathic doctor in Keokuk. He received his degree from the law department of the State University in 1890, and had been actively in the practice of law for 52 years. His wife, who was Stella Jane Reid, survives him, as do two sons and a daughter. Both his sons had long been associated with him in the practice of law. Mr. Hollingsworth had been active in the state and national bar association and had been for a number of years a member of the state bar examining board. He also had given much attention to legislation though never an officeholder. He was a delegate to the Republican national convention of 1928, and had been delegate to many state and district conventions. He had a

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